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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for provisioning alarm monitoring for a network element in a communications network, the method comprising:

providing to a user a predefined alarm template having a plurality of alarm profiles for a facility type of a facility instantiation of the network element, each of the alarm profiles defining a reporting state for each of a plurality of alarm types; and

selecting one of the alarm profiles for ~~an~~ the instantiation of the facility type in the network element.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising editing the reporting state of at least one of the alarm types in the selected alarm profile.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the reporting states for at least one of the alarm profiles in the predefined alarm template cannot be edited by the user.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the reporting state of all the alarm types for one of the alarm profiles is enabled.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the reporting state of all the alarm types for one of the alarm profiles is inhibited.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising assigning the selected alarm profile as a default alarm profile for provisioning another instantiation of the facility type.

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7. (Original) The method of claim 6 further comprising editing the reporting state of one of the alarm types in the default alarm profile for the another instantiation of the facility type.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for provisioning performance monitoring for a network element in a communications network, the method comprising:

providing to a user a predefined performance template having a plurality of performance profiles for a facility type of a facility instantiation of the network element, each of the performance profiles defining a threshold value for each of a plurality of performance parameters; and

selecting one of the performance profiles for ~~an~~ the instantiation of the facility type in the network element.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising editing the threshold value of at least one of the performance parameters in the selected performance profile.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the threshold values for at least one of the performance profiles in the predefined performance template cannot be edited by the user.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the threshold value of all the performance parameters for one of the performance profiles is zero.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8 further comprising assigning the selected performance profile as a default performance profile for provisioning another instantiation of the facility type.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising editing the threshold value of one of the performance parameters in the default performance profile for the another instantiation of the facility type.

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14. (Currently Amended) A method for provisioning status monitoring for a network element in a communications network, the method comprising:

providing to a user a plurality of predefined templates corresponding to a respective one of a plurality of facility types of a facility instantiation of the network element, each predefined template including a plurality of profiles for the respective facility type, each profile having a value for each of a plurality of status types; and

selecting one of the profiles for an the instantiation of the facility type in the network element to implement status monitoring responsive to the values of the selected profile.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein each of the profiles for one of the predefined templates defines a reporting state for each of a plurality of alarm types.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein each of the profiles for one of the predefined templates defines a threshold value for each of a plurality of performance parameters.

17. (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising editing one of the values of the selected profile.